

STORIES OF CRIME INCITE FORGERY

Boys Say Newspaper Articles Led to Their Wrong Doing.

Confessing his guilt of charges of passing worthless checks upon the Potomac Savings Bank, the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and the Second National Bank, Sait Hoffman, when he was brought into Police Court today, declared that an article telling of the case with which worthless checks might be passed, and which appeared in a New York daily last April, had led to his downfall.

Hoffman who was employed in a real estate office and who is but eighteen years old, was arrested by Detectives Burman and Cox two nights ago in company with Frederick O. Russell, who is about the same age as Hoffman. Russell also entered a plea of guilty. The aggregate sentence given Hoffman by Judge Mulholland upon five charges was \$200 fine or imprisonment for ten months. Russell was sentenced to pay \$150 fine or to serve eight months. Both of the boys' parents were in court.

J. W. Offutt, H. W. Offutt, Charles R. Moran, and Samuel Goldenberg, appeared as witnesses against the boys.

After hearing the testimony, Judge Mulholland, because of the fact that the youth had been misled by the article, dealt leniently with them. When seen after the trial Hoffman declared that the money which they had obtained and which aggregates \$112.85 was "blown in" by him and by Russell, whom, he declares, fell in with his plans to victimize the banks.

WILLIAM ROSSITER WILL RESIGN POST

Means to Quit Chief Clerkship at Census Bureau. Business Aspirations.

William S. Rossiter, chief clerk at the Census Bureau for the past nine years, has decided to resign his place in the government service, and he will probably put in the resignation Monday, to take effect when E. Dana Durand is confirmed as Director of the Census.

Mr. Rossiter is not in the city today, but he has authorized the statement that he will go into private business. He is now in New England, but will return to Washington Monday afternoon and will be at his desk Tuesday morning.

While he did not become involved in the dispute between Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel and Director of the Census North, which resulted in the resignation of North, he thought that his friendship to Mr. North may have had something to do with his resignation at this time.

Mr. Rossiter goes from the service with an enviable record, and many Senators and Representatives today expressed their regret that he has decided to resign. The report that he will go into business with Mr. North has not yet been confirmed.

RADIUM IS PLACED ON THE FREE LIST

Senate Votes Unanimously to Let in Chemical Without Duty.

Radium received its first official recognition in this country today when the Senate, by unanimous vote, decided to place it on the free list. It was unknown when the Dingley bill was passed, and to care for it a special paragraph, number 6652, was created in the tariff bill.

The potash paragraph in the free list was approved, but Senator Clark of Wyoming was given the right to call it up for amendment if he chose to do so. Clark said that he might ask for an amendment, but was undecided.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota started a long discussion by offering an amendment to strike out four from the free list. He explained that potato farmers in Minnesota own little starch factories which consume the surplus potatoes, and that they were made to suffer by competition offered by sugar flour.

Aldrich replied that sugar and tapioca flour were used as food in almost every household, had always been on the free list and should remain there. He also expressed mild surprise that Senator Nelson, a foe of the trust, should suggest the duty on sugar flour which would shut it out and thus benefit the starch trust, one of the largest and most impregnable combinations in the country.

Senator Johnson of North Dakota said that only crude sugar should be admitted free. He praised the tariff on potatoes as it might give an opportunity to send north potatoes to the east.

"Senators," he said, "leave the potato tariff where it is, and you may have a nice, neatly glutted, nearly potato placed on your table, the like of which you never saw before."

MITCHELL HOUSE CHANGES OWNERS

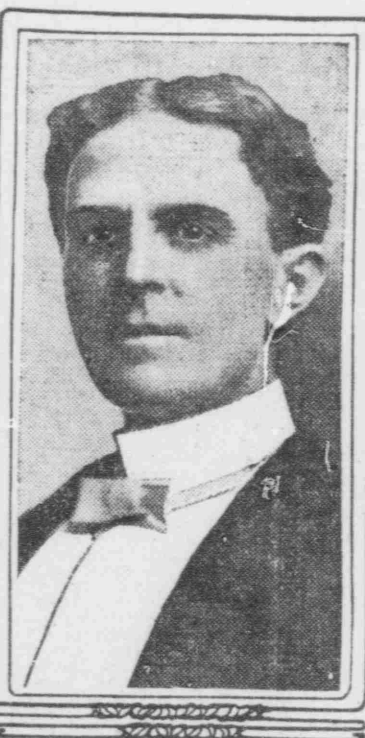
T. C. Welton, who purchased the Truman apartment house, in Park road, a few months ago, has purchased through Stone & Fairfax, the home of John Mitchell, 1375 Park road, adjoining the apartment. The house contains ten rooms, two baths, is heated by hot water, and was erected by Mr. Mitchell for his own occupancy about three years ago.

It is a separately built house, having a frontage of twenty feet on Park road and a depth of 125 feet to a public alley.

SOUTH CAROLINIANS LYNCH TWO NEGROES

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 12.—After partially confessing to the killing and robbing of J. B. Snoch, a merchant of Snoch station, Frank Samuels and Quintie Simmons, negroes, were hanged by a mob here late last night, and their bodies riddled with bullets.

IS PIANOLOGIST



TOM WATERS,
At Luna Park.

To the question, "What is a pianologist?" an appropriate answer would be "Tom Waters," who is giving his pianological specialty at Luna Park this week.

To go into further details, a pianologist is a vaudeville entertainer, generally a headliner, who is an adept at monologues, singing topical songs, and a virtuoso on the piano, who in addition to exceptional talents as a pianist plays to a running accompaniment of laugh-talk and "stage business," and sometimes, as in Mr. Waters' case, an all-round capable dancer. The requirements for a successful pianologist are so exacting that there are very few on the stage today, and amongst them Mr. Waters is said to be the original of this diverting form of amusement.

He is a valuable acquisition to the famous Keith circuit of vaudeville houses, made two visits to Luna Park last season, and judging from his increased popularity this week will probably again be engaged for a return visit.

LAWYER JONES HOIST BY HIS OWN PETARD

Judge Callan, After Listening to Colored Attorney's Peroration, Paroles Youthful Dusky Offender in His Care for a Year.

Rudyard Kipling remarked somewhere about the delight one experienced in seeing an engineer shelled by his own battery, referring to army persons, but it remained for Judge Callan in the Juvenile Court to show forty or more spectators how truly delectable it is to make a lawyer swallow his own figures of speech both after a manner of speaking and in fact.

This is not the story of T. L. Jones, attorney, who is known in the Police Courts of the District as "Lawyer Jones," but it was T. L. Jones who in the end appears to have been the recipient of the bee's attention.

George Johnson, of 1122 Twenty-first street, who, his mother said, is "fifteen, goin' on sixteen, judge yer honor," appeared, from the testimony, to have in some way or other absorbed to himself \$25 in good legal tender which belonged to Miss Maud A. Callin of the Rhode Island apartment house.

George, it seems, is of a mechanical turn, and he no sooner possessed the \$25 than the turn got to work. George purchased a toy engine for \$15, and had a good time until arrested.

HACKER OR HEALEY WILL GET THE JOB

Commissioner Judson Will Appoint One of the Two Building Inspectors.

Engineer Commissioner William V. Judson announced this morning that he would nominate the new inspector of buildings Monday morning and further that he would name either Morris Hacker or John P. Healey. He said he had not yet been able to choose between these two men, but that he would make up his mind between now and Monday morning and would then make the announcement.

The announcement by Commissioner Judson sets at rest the many rumors that have been afloat in the District government circles for the past week and narrows the race down to two men, definitely. Mr. Hacker was formerly connected with the District as an employee in the engineer department and for several years past has been chief engineer of the Ohio Electric Railway Company, with headquarters at Lima, Ohio. Mr. Healey is assistant inspector of buildings.

BOYS BADLY BURNED DRYING OUT POWDER

TRENTON, June 12.—Playing with giant powder which they had found in the barn of J. G. Coleman's summer home near Washington's Crossing, McCullough Coleman, thirteen years old, and Nelson D. Taylor, son of W. Scott Taylor, were seriously burned today, and are being treated in a local hospital.

When the boys found the powder they lighted a fire to dry it out. The Coleman boy was stooping over the fire when the powder exploded and was the more seriously burned.

BAN ON SLOT MACHINES.

LEWES, Del., June 12.—Because of complaints that children on their way to Sunday school have been playing their pennies for slot machine chewing gum or candy, Mayor Thompson has ordered all such devices from the streets of Lewes on Sunday.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE MONDAY MORNING

Some of the Private Educational Institutions Will Wind Up Later.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., JUNE 12.

A meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company was held at their hall, in Prince street last evening, when many matters of interest to the members of that company came up for consideration.

A communication from Corby Brothers, in which they inclosed a check for \$25 in return for the services rendered by the Relief Company at the fire of Smoot & Co., which threatened the plant of Corby Brothers, was received and accepted with thanks.

A lawn party and festival will be held on the lawn at 1915 Duke street, on the evening of June 14 and 15. The proceeds will go to the building fund of St. John's Chapel.

A drill of the Boys Brigade was held at Armory Hall last evening. Capt. Jack Monroe in command.

Some of the public schools of Alexandria will close for the summer on Monday. The first of the schools to close will be Washington School, a white boy. On Tuesday Lee School for white girls will close; on Wednesday Snowden school for colored boys, and on Thursday Hallowell School for colored girls.

Dr. Samuel B. Moore, who has been attending the American Congress of Physicians at Atlantic City, has returned home.

Clerk of the Courts Nevell S. Greenaway and his daughter, Miss Coralie, are spending some time at Virginia Beach.

Miss Alice Chinn, of this city, is in Fairfax county on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. F. W. Richardson.

Miss Margaret Heidlin of Leesburg, is in this city on a visit to friends.

TIMELY.

"Where do you open with the new play?"

"Hooperston."

"That's where they have the egg famine, isn't it?"

"Quite so."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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What he did with the other \$5 is unimportant, but the plea which Attorney Jones put up is vital. The peroration which the negro attorney brought out and exhibited before the judge hasn't been equaled in Juvenile Court "fo' yars and yars and yars." Winding up, he told about the boy who had been a great beggar, and who became a great preacher and was begging still, and about the other boy who went around killing birds and fish and game. He, Jones said, became a doctor. Now, on these two touching instances of great careers he asked for mercy for his client, for he, too, might grow and become great, after this one stain on his "scutcheon" had disappeared.

"Would you trust this boy?" asked Judge Callan. "I would," said Attorney Jones.

Then, said the court deliberately, while the spectators "rocked with mirth," "I parole this boy for one year in the custody of Lawyer Jones."

Without the court, room Lawyer Jones' smile, a little sickly at first thought, became brighter, and he remarked: "Tomorrow the boy begins studying Blackstone."

But at the same time it's remarkable how the spectators enjoyed the discomfiture of a lawyer who gives advice and then has to take it.

WEST QUILTS JOB FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Gives Up Position as Assistant Attorney in Interior Department.

At the urgent request of some of his associates on the board of directors of the Washington Playgrounds Association, James E. West has resigned his position as an assistant attorney in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, and will devote his entire time to the work of the association.

Mr. West had been planning to leave the Government service next fall to engage in the practice of law in this city. The failure of Congress, however, to appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the grounds, has put the association in a rather critical financial condition, and Mr. West determined to leave the Government immediately, and, with a number of others, has decided to do everything possible to carry on the work.

Mr. West had been in the Government employ for the last ten years. For five years he was a member of the Board of Pension Appeals, and for the last two years an assistant attorney in the Interior Department.

He has been active in the work of the children's playgrounds for several years. He has also been actively interested in the Neighborhood House, boys department, Y. M. C. A., and five years was superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Sunday school. It was largely through Mr. West's efforts that President Roosevelt called the White House conference on the care of dependent children.

NEXT INVENTION PROBLEM.

Certainly plenty of rubbish is being talked about aeroplanes, England, forsooth, is to be de-laid in a year or two by the Zeppelins. Perhaps Mars is not safe from the intrusions of the "aviators." We foretell that in a short time the new terror will be a sub-terrine ship which will sail through the earth as easily as the others sail through the water, and air.—London Review.

Absence Strange



LOUIS MISBACH.

TRULY A WORRIER.

"He's a great worrier."

"So."

"Yes; even finds time to worry a little over other people's troubles."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

New York Press.

HUSBAND MISSING, SHE BLAMES AUTOS

Mrs. Louis Misbach Says He Became Roving Chauffeur. Suicide Feared.

Lured away, his wife thinks, by the attractions of the automobile business, Louis Misbach, of 1124 Congress street northeast, a chauffeur formerly employed by Gude Brothers, has been missing since May 29.

He left home for work and has never returned. He told his wife at various times that he thought of going to Atlantic City. It is probable, she says, that he has wandered to that resort, in love with the life of a roving chauffeur, sure that he can find employment almost anywhere.

Before he became a chauffeur, Mrs. Misbach says he liked to stay at home at night. After he got interested in automobiles, however, his time at home became less and less.

His wife fears he may have committed suicide or met with foul play.

MODERN MIRACLE.

Who can explain the miracle that it is possible for one to walk down Fifth avenue in the late afternoon and escape alive? A man sitting at the window of a club in the avenue below Fifty-ninth street counted 101 automobiles of all shapes, kinds, and sizes that passed within five minutes.—New York Press.

DOSE OF SHOE POLISH USED TO DROWN LOVE

Eight-Year-Old Lad, Hopelessly Infatuated With His Teacher, Tries to End His Sorrows by Novel Route, But Fails.

NEW YORK, June 12.—There is much romance in the soul of eight-year-old George Maurer, of Gayonne, N. J., and there is more hair restorer and shoe polish in his midst. His mother has tried to eradicate the former with a slipper. Doctors at the Bayonne Hospital have treated him for the latter.

George began his education at School No. 8, a block from his home, No. 88 West Twenty-seventh street, Bayonne. The principal of that school, Miss Gertrude Wilson, used to be his teacher, but last year she was advanced, and last February George passed under the instruction of Miss Margaret Anderson. Both young women are pretty, but George discriminated in favor of Miss Wilson.

When the school term commenced and George advanced to another's charge it became hard to confine his thoughts to study. Miss Anderson told him he must learn his lessons more thoroughly, but he refused to obey.

George's mind was on Miss Wilson. He decided he would try to get permission to return to his old school so he could be near the subject of his thoughts. He sought Miss Wilson, and she told him if he could get a transfer from the principal of No. 8 she would

see that he was reinstated in his former class. He went to Mr. Brick, but the latter, according to the story George told in court yesterday morning, gave him no encouragement. Then George wanted to die.

George walked into a drug store Tuesday and asked for some poison. The youngster's head was not visible from behind the counter, and when the proprietor leaned over and saw the little fellow he laughed. His feelings crushed, the boy reached up and grabbed a bottle of hair restorer. He opened it and swallowed the contents.

Believing he was going to die, George fell to the floor. The druggist picked him up, and Policeman Ketcher carried the lad home. Mrs. Maurer put George to bed and locked his door, telling him she would let him out when he got rid of his foolish ideas. The next morning she brought his breakfast and turned the key in the lock.

When his mother's steps had died away, George dressed, lowered himself by a sheet from his window and ran off to a shoe store. He took a bottle of shoe polish and dashed out. The polish didn't rob him of consciousness, so he walked into a hardware store, picked a pair of scissors from the shelf and jabbed himself in the breast. The proprietor tried to seize him, but he escaped.

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\$10

For the third best discovery of the hidden proverb,

\$5

For the fourth best discovery of the hidden proverb,

\$3

For the fifth best discovery of the hidden proverb,

\$2

For each of the next 5 best discoveries, \$1 each,

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